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CUSTOMER NUMBER 25268

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Jerry Brownstein et al.

Attorney Docket No: BROW0005

Serial No: 10/646,944

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: August 21, 2003

Examiner: Cole, Elizabeth

Title: LOOSE FIBER ADSORBENT

ELECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Bellevue, Washington 98004

May 31, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Transmitted herewith is an amendment an election in the above-identified patent application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

B. Request for Constructive Petition for Extension of Time

It is requested that any concurrent or future reply submitted in the present application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. It is also requested that any additional required fees under § 1.17, including all required extension of time fees, be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1940, thereby constructively petitioning for any necessary extension of time to maintain the present application in a pending state.

<u>Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended</u>					
	<u>Claims Remaining after Amendment</u>	<u>Highest Number Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
Total Claims	19	20	-0-	x \$ 25	\$-0-
Independent Claims	3	3	-0-	x \$ 100	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ -0-

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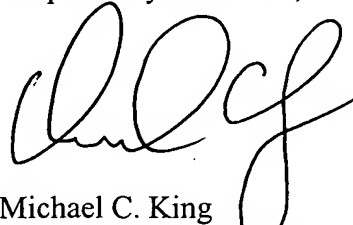
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1 C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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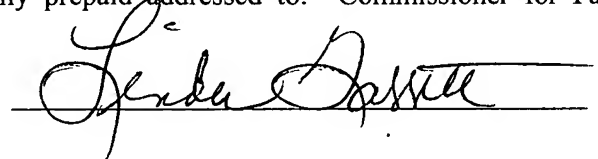
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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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May 30, 2005

The following is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed April 29, 2005, in which the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has indicated that this application contains claims directed to two groups of patentably distinct inventions. The Examiner indicates that a first invention (Group I) is defined Claims 53-56 and is directed to a method of making a sorbent wadded mass, classified in Class 19, subclass 144, and a second invention (Group II) is defined by Claims 57-71, and is directed to a method of using a sorbent mass for a liquid hydrocarbon, classified in Class 210, including various subclasses.

Election: In response to this Restriction, applicants hereby affirmatively elect the claims of Group II (i.e., Claims 57-71), without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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